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Applicants: La Monica, et al. Conf. No.: 3924

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For: CARCINOEMBRYONIC ANTIGEN FUSIONS AND USES THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 20, 2011, in the above-identified application, having a three-month period for response set to expire October 20, 2011.

A Petition to Extend Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for one month, up to and including Monday, November 21, 2010, is attached. Please charge the one-month extension fee, as a large entity, to Deposit Account No. 13-2755. In the event any additional extension of time is required, please treat this paper as a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time as required, and charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 the appropriate fee as a large entity. Please further credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency related to this submission to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

Any fees associated with the submission of this amendment can be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which appears on page 2 of this paper

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